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US arrests 190, rescues 18 kids in child porn crackdown

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Police have arrested 190 individuals, and identified and rescued 18 children, in a major crackdown on child pornography last month, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement said yesterday.

In a statement, ICE said most of the arrests during Operation Orion through the month of May took place in

the United States, but suspects were also picked up in Argentina, Britain, the Philippines and Spain.

"Many of the child exploitation cases under Operation Orion began with a child or teen chatting with someone he or she met online," said ICE Director John Morton.

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Important information for students who have applied for an Aruba study loan 2012-2013

The section Facilidad di Estudio y Guia (Studiefaciliteiten-en begeleiding) of Departamento di Enseñansa Aruba (DEA) - (Aruba's Department of Education) invites all students whom applied on time for a student loan from the Government of Aruba (Arubaloan) and meets all requirements to please come and pick up the letter concerning mentioned loan, on Saturday June 9, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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3RD Annual Aruba International Film Festival unveils official 2012 lineup

Rob Reiner's "The Magic of Belle Isle" will open the Festival with Academy Award® nominee Virginia Madsen in attendance to present the film

Aruba - June 5, 2012 - Program details for the 3rd annual Aruba International Film Festival (AIFF), which takes place June 22-28, 2012, were announced today. The Festival will showcase a diverse array of films from 18 different countries and feature several international and South American premieres. The lineup was announced by AIFF Artistic Director Claudio Masenza along with Festival founder Jonathan Vieira.

AIFF will open with the international premiere of director Rob Reiner's comedy "The Magic of Belle Isle" starring Academy Award® nominated actress Virginia Madsen and Academy Award® winner Morgan Freeman. Virginia Madsen ("Sideways," "Firewall," "The Number 23") will be in Aruba to present the film to AIFF's opening night audience and greet fans on the red carpet on Friday, June 22nd at the Paseo Herencia.

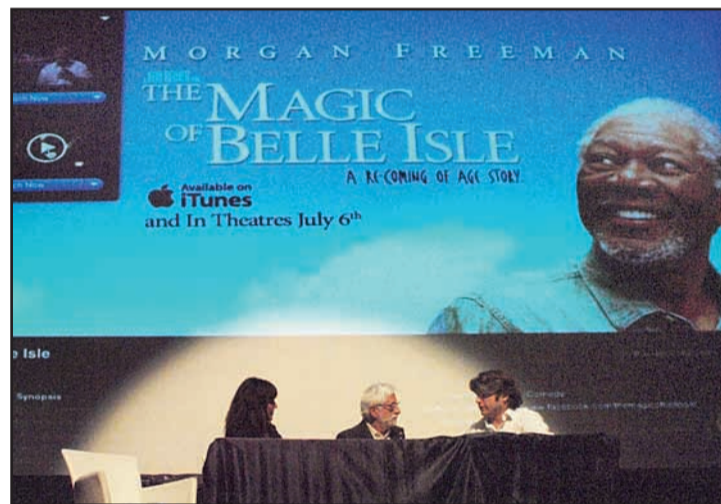
In "The Magic of Belle Isle," Morgan Freeman plays Monte Wildhorn, a famous Western novelist whose struggle with alcoholism has sapped his passion for writing. He takes a lakeside cabin for the summer in picturesque Belle Isle, and befriends the family next door--an attractive single mom (Virginia Madsen) and her young daughters--who help him find inspiration again.

The official AIFF 2012 lineup is comprised of the following films:

► A FEW BEST MEN (Country: Australia/UK / Director: Stephan Elliott)

► A GANG STORY (Country: France/Belgium / Director: Olivier Marchal) (South American Premiere)

► ANTON CORBIJN INSIDE OUT? (Country: Nether-



Jonathan Viera and Claudio Masenza announce the line up



Virginia Madsen, star of Magic of Belle Isle

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Renovation of Imeldahof to include its sustainability!



The government is very pleased with the work being undertaken at the Imeldahof (home for children in problem). Minister of Social, Economic and Cultural Affairs, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar,

recently visited the site to observe the progress of the construction work, and was very pleased with the progress made thus far.

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WEB NV's Emergency Team....after five years!

Tuesday, June 5th, marked the fifth year of the existence of WEB Aruba NV's Emergency Team. "WET," as they call the team, is coordinated by Mr. Glenn Rock. According to Glenn Rock, the team consists of a group of dedicated employees of WEB who constantly upgrade themselves to help limit lesions and personal damage caused by accidents on the job.

This week, which they call "Wet Week," they took a look back at the past five years. Through special courses, train-



any type of emergency or calamity situation.

WEB Emergency Team was formed five years ago, first of all to comply with the law, but also to manage security on the job, on the premises of WEB. The Team is comprised of 30 employees who volunteer their services and emergency expertise the moment there is a personal or material accident or emergency situation. The volunteers come from different departments within WEB...technical and non technical departments. These employees are in constant emergency training, keeping them well-groomed.

Last Thursday they organized an emergency simulation situation at their new monitoring central station - RECIP. In cooperation with the Fire

Brigade, they simulated a fire situation at one of the RECIP motors.

In that simulation the WET team and members of the Fire Brigade had an opportunity to train their skills and cooperation for an eventual fire emergency at one of these motors or elsewhere in the company.

The weeks' celebration was replete with a festive encounter, which was concluded with the presentation of well deserved certificates. A few members of the team were also granted commemorative lapel pins for their outstanding voluntary work rendered for so many years to WEB.

Management of WEB took the opportunity to praise and thank the 30 WET Team members for their excellent work and dedication over the past five years.



ing and different other aspects of emergency and learning about different material, they were able to upgrade again. They were able to look back at their successes, accomplishments and examine areas for improvement. They also participated in a special emergency simulation together with the Fire Brigade at the new monitoring center - RECIP.

WEB's emergency team consists of employees with special training in combating fires, giving first aid, evacuation techniques, and has worked with external emergency professionals. Each of them is prepared to offer assistance during an accident, and



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DIVI celebrates successful employees!

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Management of the prestigious Divi Vacation Ownership this past week took time out to recognize employees of their timeshare and marketing departments for their accomplishments during 2011.

First off, the spotlight was on the sales team for the year. The following team players were elected as sales employee of the year:

For Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort they elected:

In first place: Sigifredo

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In second place: Gwendolyn Giel

In third place: Rosemonde Maertens

For Dal Time N.V. they elected:

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In second place: Ron Cestijn

In third place: Judeska Peterson

For Dasc N.V. they elected:

In first place: Euphema Stephens



In second place: Marie Angbe van der Lee

In third place: Luis Velasquez

Managers of the year were: Ruben Pietersz for Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort and Eric Abdul for Dal Time N.V.

The very best administrative employee of the year award went to: Anouska Holiger.

Each of the deserving awardees received a nice check and beautiful trophy from their proud employer.

The Morning News joins in with our sincere congratulations to all of these worthy employees....congrats and keep up the good work, we and Aruba are proud of you!

► **BRINGING UP BOBBY** (Country: USA / Director: Famke Janssen) (South American Premiere)

► **EASY!** (Country: Italy / Director: Francesco Bruni) ** Voted best film in the "Controcampo Italiano" section of Venice Film Festival (South American Premiere)

► **EASY MONEY** (Country: Sweden / Director: Daniel Espinosa) (South American Premiere)

► **ELETRIK CHILDREN** (Country: USA / Director: Rebecca Thomas) (South American Premiere)

► **HARA-KIRI: DEATH OF A SAMURAI** (Country: Japan/UK / Director: Takashi Miike) (South American Premiere)

► **HOLLYWOOD INVASION** (Country: Italy / Director: Marco Spagnoli) (American Premiere)

► **IN THE LAND OF BLOOD AND HONEY** (Country: USA / Director: Angelina Jolie) (South American Premiere)

► **KRYPTONITE!** (Country: Italy / Director: Ivan Cotroneo) (South American Premiere)

► **REDLEGS** (Country: USA / Director: Brandon Harris)

► **REVERÓN** (Country: Venezuela / Director: Diego Rísquez)

► **ROMAN POLANSKI: A FILM MEMOIR** (Country: UK/Italy/Germany / Director: Laurent Bouzereau) (American Premiere)

► **SEX OF THE ANGELS** (Country: Spain/Brazil / Director: Xavier Villaverde) (South American Premiere)

► **STOLEN** (Country: USA / Director: Simon West) (World Premiere)

► **TAKE THIS WALTZ** (Country: Canada/Spain/Japan / Director: Sarah Polley) (South American Premiere)

► **THE MAGIC OF BELLE ISLE** (Country: USA / Director: Rob Reiner) (South American Premiere)



► **THE HUNTER** (Country: Australia / Director: Daniel Nettheim)

► **WAR OF THE BUTTONS** (Country: France / Director: Christophe Barratier) (South American Premiere)

► **WHERE DO WE GO NOW?** (Country: France/Lebanon/Egypt/Italy / Director: Nadine Labaki)

**People's Choice winner at the Toronto International Film Festival / **Audience Award winner at San Sebastian Film Festival.

For complete details of the official selection films please visit www.arubainternational-filmfestival.com

Two-time Academy Award® winning film editor Pietro Scalia ("Black Hawk Down," "JFK," "Gladiator," "Good Will Hunting," "Kick-Ass," "Prometheus," "Stealing Beauty") and Virginia Madsen are among the industry names taking part in AIFF's popular "In Conversation With..." series. Other international stars and notable industry names confirmed to attend AIFF are actor Richard Kind ("Spin City," "A Serious Man," "A Bug's Life"), director Marco Spagnoli ("Hollywood on the Tiber," "Tonino Guerra: Il Cinema e una presenza"), producer Steven Stabler ("Dumb and Dumber," "Kingpin," "Beverly Hills Ninja"), director Brandon Harris ("Redlegs," "Biospheres," "Evangeleo"), and celebrity choreographer LaVelle Smith.

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Renovation of Imeldahof to include its sustainability!

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After 60 years, the buildings and infrastructure of the Imeldahof was in dire need of repairs and a renovation. The

government made funds available to renovate the entire complex and to make it a "green project" in the process.

Drilling for water was part of the renovation program in order to make the program more sustainable. The homes

on the premises will have their own water as part of a reverse osmosis system.

The good news was that

after drilling a mere 35 feet, they were successful in finding water underground. The water was sent to the lab for screening to determine the exact composition of the water and to know what type of equipment will be needed to refine and purify the water to make it suitable for drinking. The next aspect to consider is the use of the sun and the wind to make the complex totally sustainable. Along with underground water, they will be installing solar panels and a wind mill to generate electricity.

One of the homes on the complex is already completely renovated. The most difficult part of the work is actually completed. Hence, plans are to complete the work very soon, even ahead of the planned completion schedule, according to the Minister.

President of the board of Imeldahof, Werner Dijkhoff, explained that the groundwater will function through the use of a reverse osmosis system, which will enable them to reduce their expenses on utilities and put the savings into other projects to benefit the children.

Reverse Osmosis is a physical process which utilizes membranes, without the use of energy, to remove salt and calcium from water. It is a biological phenomenon for cellular metabolism in humans. The lab results will determine how good the water is and what will be needed to make it potable. On the premises of the complex there is a plot of land sufficiently large enough to build a couple homes more to accommodate more young people who could live there under strict supervision of the center.

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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

US arrests 190, rescues 18..

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"Let this operation be a warning to anyone who would think they can use the Internet to exploit children: we are out there looking for you, we will find you, and you will be prosecuted."

Operation Orion targeted individuals "who possessed, received, transported, distributed, advertised or produced images or videos of child pornography," the ICE statement said.

Among those arrested was a 35-year-old individual in Louisiana suspected of using the seven-year-old he babysat to make child pornography, and a 35-year-old in Oklahoma who offered money for sex to a 14-year-old victim he met on a social networking site.

In Michigan, a 54-year-old allegedly persuaded an under-

age boy to join him in illegal sexual conduct that he then photographed, while a 28-year-old was found to have more than 1,200 images and 109 videos of suspected child pornography on computers and media storage devices. No details of the arrests conducted overseas were disclosed.

ICE is part of the Department of Homeland Security, which in the fiscal year ended September 30 initiated more than 3,000 cases into child exploitation and made 1,455 arrests.

In that same year, the HSI computer forensics program examined the equivalent of 16.5 million filing cabinets of data related to child exploitation cases.

Jamaican drug lord gets to 23 years in prison



Christopher "Dudus" Coke

NEW YORK (AFP) - A US court sentenced Jamaican narco baron Christopher "Dudus" Coke to 23 years in prison yesterday, bringing the curtain down on the career of one of the Caribbean's most notorious gangsters.

Coke had pleaded guilty to racketeering conspiracy and

conspiracy to commit assault in aid of racketeering following his extradition last year to US soil from Jamaica.

The sentence passed in New York federal court by Judge Robert Patterson was the maximum. It did not reflect the multiple murders and years of cocaine trafficking that Coke presided over in his Kingston stronghold.

The head prosecutor for Manhattan, US Attorney Preet Bharara, said that Coke's crime empire had finally crumbled.

"From his home base in Ja-

maica, Christopher Coke presided over an international drug and weapons trafficking organization that he controlled through violence and intimidation for nearly two decades, enlisting an army of 'soldiers' to do his bidding," Bharara said in a statement.

"With his conviction, he is no longer able to traffick drugs in the US, move guns across our border or terrorize people, and with today's sentence, he will now spend a very long time in prison for his crimes."

Britain to outlaw 'abhorrent' forced marriage

LONDON (AFP) - Britain's government announced plans yesterday to make forced marriage a criminal offence, with parents who coerce their children into marrying to face "very tough punishments".

Prime Minister David Cameron said forced marriage had been tolerated as a cultural practice in Britain's Asian community for too long and was "little short of slavery".

"For too long in this country we have thought 'well, it's a

cultural practice and we just have to run with it'," he said. "We don't. It's a crime."

"You are taking 15, 16-year-old British citizens, taking them off to another country against their will, marrying them with someone against their will. It is an absolutely abhorrent practice. It is, frankly, little short of slavery."

The government's Forced Marriage Unit said 46 percent of the nearly 600 cases of forced marriage it dealt with

between January and May this year involved Pakistani nationals.

Some 45 percent of the victims were younger than 18, the agency said, and 87 percent of the victims were female. Forcing someone into a marriage will become a criminal offence in England and Wales, with the maximum sentence to be set out in a new law.

The legislation will distinguish between forced marriage and arranged marriage, in which both bride and groom consent to the union.

Campaigners have warned that criminalising the practice could discourage victims from coming forward because they do not want their relatives to face jail.

In response to these concerns, the government has announced extra funding of £500,000 (\$771,000, 619,000 euros) to help identify and support victims.



A young school girl emerges from a latrine with a 'Pee people' bag that she has just used on June 8, 2012 at Kibera slum, in the Kenyan capital Nairobi, where poor sanitation is endemic and threatens the lives of the local community. A cheap and innovative sanitation solution called 'Pee people', which consists of a bio-degradable plastic bag pre-loaded with urea is set to change the lives of residents in slums and other informal settlements by digesting human waste quickly and hygienically thus diminishing people's contact with human excrement. Lack of proper toilets has seen numerous slum residents result to defecating outdoors in open fields or river systems greatly increasing the chances of contamination of ground water which leads to poor sanitation and the resulting diseases that claim the life of a child every 12 seconds according to research.

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International News

British minister declines Argentina's invitation to talks



LONDON (AFP) - Britain's Latin America minister Jeremy Browne has turned down an invitation for talks in Argentina when he visits the Falkland Islands next week, the British foreign ministry said Friday.

The Foreign Office said Browne was "grateful" for the invitation but would be busy attending ceremonies marking the 30th anniversary of the brief but bloody war between Britain and Argentina over the Falklands.

Tension between London and Buenos Aires has risen in

the run-up to the anniversary of the conflict, which cost the lives of 649 Argentine and 255 British troops.

"We have today received an invitation from Argentina's Foreign Minister, Hector Timerman, for Mr Browne to visit Buenos Aires next week," a Foreign Office spokeswoman said.

"However he has a full schedule of events in the Falkland Islands to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the conflict there. This has been arranged for some time. Mr Browne is grateful for the invitation."

Britain has held the Falklands since 1833, but Buenos Aires claims that the barren South Atlantic islands -- which are home to fewer than 3,000 people -- are occupied Argentine territory.

On April 2, 1982, the then-ruling junta in Argentina invaded the archipelago, sparking a 74-day war with Britain.

Analysts believe oil supplies worth tens of billions of dollars may lie off the Falklands, and Britain enraged Argentina by authorising prospecting off the archipelago in 2010.

On Monday, Argentina declared British oil exploration off the Falklands "illegal" and immediately set about suing five companies for pursuing activities around the islands.

Browne will be the first British minister to visit the Falklands in an official capacity since January 2008.

The minister, who departs Sunday, will be in the British overseas territory from Monday to Friday.

A Foreign Office spokeswoman said Britain had "a longstanding interest in building a stronger partnership with Argentina on a broad range of issues of mutual interest".

"The only issue that we will not discuss is the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands, until and unless the Islanders wish us to do so."

Republicans rally in Obama's backyard

CHICAGO (AFP) - Republicans rallied in President Barack Obama's backyard Friday, vowing to win back the White House and restore conservative values in a nation they fear is descending into darkness and discord.

The tone was set by an opening prayer calling upon God for protection against "the forces of darkness" and those who "approve of men marrying men" and who "confiscate wealth in the name of social justice."

Speaker after speaker railed against attacks on religious freedom and the erosion of moral values as they championed the virtues of small government.

Foster Friess, chairman of the Conservative Political Action Committee and a major political donor, said the best evidence for how the nation's culture has been "debased" is the number of unwed mothers.

The biggest names focused their attention on the economy and government spending.

Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, a rising star in the Re-

publican Party and a possible vice-presidential pick, told the crowd that November's presidential election "is the most important of our lifetime."

Energized by Tuesday's victory in neighboring Wisconsin -- where the union-busting Republican Scott Walker became the nation's first governor to survive a recall -- speaker after speaker insisted the time is right to take back the nation.

The resounding message of Walker's victory is that "you can stand on principle and get reelected," Paul told the 2,000 activists gathered in a convention center in suburban Chicago.

Rick Santorum, an ultra-conservative who won 11 states in the hotly contested Republican primary before bowing out in April, insisted the country's finances aren't the only thing at risk.

"While (President) Ronald Reagan went through a difficult time and we had big challenges, we have even bigger challenges now," Santorum told the conservative group.

Health & Living

Workshop on the roll of eHealth in the prevention of obesity in children



The entire world today is experiencing a rapid growth of obesity among children. In many countries of the world the amount of obesity has doubled or even tripled in the past 20 to 30 years. This epidemic is seriously threatening the physical health of countless numbers of children.

Obesity triggers many serious health problems, referred to as non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

These are non contagious diseases, such as, cancer, diabetes, heart diseases, brain damage and chronic respiratory diseases.

In September of 2011, the United Nations published a declaration stating that in order to combat these NCDs will require the involvement of the government and the entire community. We will need every expertise to eliminate this epidemic. The focus must be on educating the community through key persons.

The World Health Organization has suggested that communication and promotion should be the manner of

intervention with a high impact and low cost to combat these non contagious diseases.

Last year countries in our region approved the Strategy and Plan of Action of eHealth for the American continent. This, they believe, can help to intensify the efforts of the actions to improve public health.

The roll of eHealth:

Based on the belief that information on health is a basic right that everyone has, eHealth will facilitate the promotion, communication and distribution of general information on health via the information and communication technology (ICT). Through the medium of ICT, such as the social network, and cell texting, we can improve communication and interaction. With respect to the epidemic of childhood obesity, eHealth will facilitate participation of the community and a support system.

The purpose of the workshop:

Participants to the workshop will learn the importance of having an eHealth

plan of action which will be integrated into the efforts of our public health. Participants will share their experiences with eHealth in combating NCDs. Identify the best practices of eHealth that are feasible and successful in attacking the problem of childhood obesity. Participants will design a definite plan of the following steps to take. This plan will be presented at the Second Pan-American Conference on Obesity, which will focus primarily on childhood obesity.

Date and venue:

The Pan-American workshops on the role of eHealth in the Prevention of Childhood Obesity will take place on June 14, 2012. Immediately following will be the Second Pan-American Conference on Obesity with its focus on Childhood Obesity, on June 15 and 16, 2012. Both workshops will be held here on Aruba.

Facilitators:

Romkina Cialdella, Communications Specialist, Organizacion Pan-Americano di Salud/Organisacion Mundial di Salud.

David Novillo, Counselor on Knowledge Management and Organization Learning, Organizacion Pan-Americano di Salud/Organisacion Mundial di Salud.

Remember to register for the workshop on the 14th of June. Register at: www.paco.aw.

Fetal genome map could aid disease screening

WASHINGTON (AFP) - An increasingly detailed map of the genome of a fetus could lead to easier screening for a host of rare disorders, according to US research.

Although previous studies have shown that the fetal genome can be glimpsed with just a sample of the mother's blood, the latest research offers a more accurate view of the fetal makeup by combining paternal and maternal DNA, said the authors of the study in the journal Science Translational Medicine.

The result is a clearer look at subtle variations in the fetus's genome, "down to a minute, one-letter change in the DNA code," said the study.

"The improved resolution is like going from being able to

see that two books are stuck together to being able to notice one word misspelled on a page," said researcher Jacob Kitzman, a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow at University of Washington.

The advance could help scientists hone in on a group of 3,000 single-gene disorders, known as Mendelian disorders, which affect about one percent of newborns.

They include Huntington disease, Marfan syndrome, retinoblastoma, cystic fibrosis, and one form of Alzheimer's disease.

Current prenatal blood tests mainly scan for a few genetic disorders or specific congenital abnormalities, such as Down syndrome.

With more research, the latest data could lead to more comprehensive blood tests for fetal disorders that avoid the risks associated with amniocentesis or chorionic villus sampling, in which a needle takes tissue from the womb for analysis.

"This work opens up the possibility that we will be able to scan the whole genome of the fetus for more than 3,000 single-gene disorders through a single, non-invasive test," said Jay Shendure, associate professor of genome sciences at the University of Washington.

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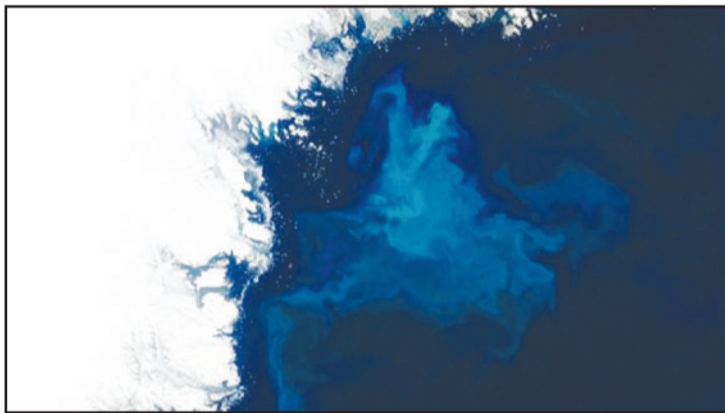




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Sci-Tech

Algae blooms discovered beneath Arctic ice



WASHINGTON (AFP) - A NASA mission to study the tiny algae vital to the ocean's food chain has turned up a massive amount of phytoplankton where scientists least expected it -- under the Arctic ice.

In a project that uses both satellites and on-site measure-

ments to study this important food source for many of the ocean's creatures, NASA sent a team to sample the ice pack off the Chukchi Sea along Alaska's coast.

The "massive under-ice bloom" also appeared to extend about 100 kilometers (62 miles) into the ice shelf, ac-

cording to the study published in the journal Science.

Phytoplankton were scarcer and deeper in the open waters, according to the latest data from the mission, known formally as "Impacts of Climate on Ecosystems and Chemistry of the Arctic Pacific Environment," or ICESCAPE.

The study suggested that the Arctic Ocean is more productive than previously thought, but more research is needed to determine how these under-ice phytoplankton affect local ecosystems.

Phytoplankton blooms in the Arctic have been observed to peak as many as 50 days earlier than they did a dozen years ago, a development that could have implications for the larger food web, scientists have said.

The microscopic organisms are the base of the food chain and drive the food and reproductive cycles of fish, seabirds and polar bears. How larger animals may react to phytoplankton changes remains unknown.

Phytoplankton are also important because through the process of photosynthesis they remove about half of the harmful carbon dioxide produced by the burning of fossil fuels worldwide.

Previous research has shown the microscopic organisms have been disappearing globally at a rate of one percent per year.

Since 1950, phytoplankton mass has dropped by about 40 percent, most likely due to the accelerating impact of global warming, said a 2010 study in the journal Nature.

Apple facing \$2.22 mn fine over Australian '4G' iPad

(AFP) - Apple agreed Friday to a Aus\$2.25 million (US\$2.22 million) fine for misleading Australian customers about the local 4G capability of its next-generation iPad, in a case brought by regulators.

Apple offered in March to refund Australian customers who felt they had been misled by the "iPad with Wi-Fi + 4G" promotion and publish a clarification about the popular tablet's capabilities after the ACCC took it to court.

Though the iPad's 4G function only works on networks in the United States and Canada it had been widely promoted as one of the tablet's features globally, which the ACCC said amounted to false advertising.

It is now advertised outside North America as "Wi-Fi + Cellular" -- a change that came into effect on May 12 -- with a clear caveat on its Australian site that "it is not compatible with current Australian 4G LTE and WiMax networks."

The matter was due to go to a full trial this week but ACCC lawyer Colin Golvan said

Apple had agreed to pay the Aus\$2.25 million fine and the commission's legal costs as part of an out-of-court settlement.

It is half the maximum Aus\$4.4 million fine open to the ACCC in the case.

Apple described it as "more than adequate having regard to the conduct and all the other circumstances" and stressed that the concessions made in the case were only applicable in Australia.

The "iPad + 4G" promotion was in place for two months worldwide including major technology-mad cities in Asia.

The iPad was the world's best-selling tablet in the first three months of 2012, outgunning its Android-powered rivals, with sales more than doubling from a year earlier to send Apple's profits soaring.

The US giant said the iPad was especially popular in Asia, particularly in China where demand was described as "mind-boggling" with revenues of US\$7.9 billion in the first quarter alone.



DRESDEN: Two men push a solar car during the "SolarWorld Gran Turismo" at the state chancellery in Dresden, Germany, on June 8, 2012. The vehicle was built by students of Bochum University of Applied Sciences with support from the company SolarWorld. Changeable weather in the past few days has prevented the full charging of the battery. It is on a world record tour of earth and has already completed 16,000 of a planned 34,000 kilometers. The tour started in Australia in October 2011.

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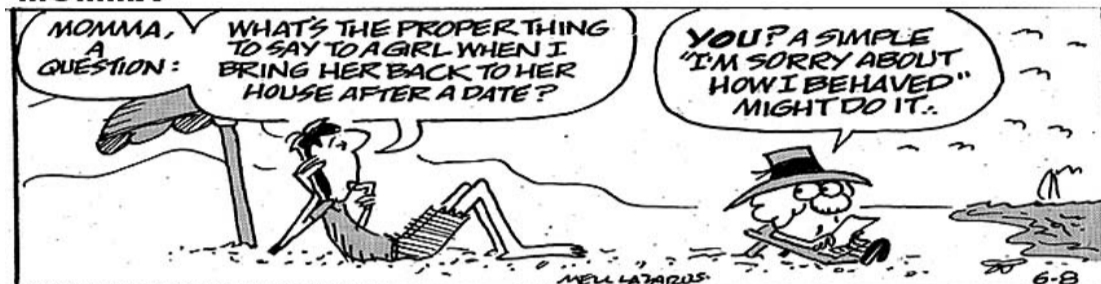
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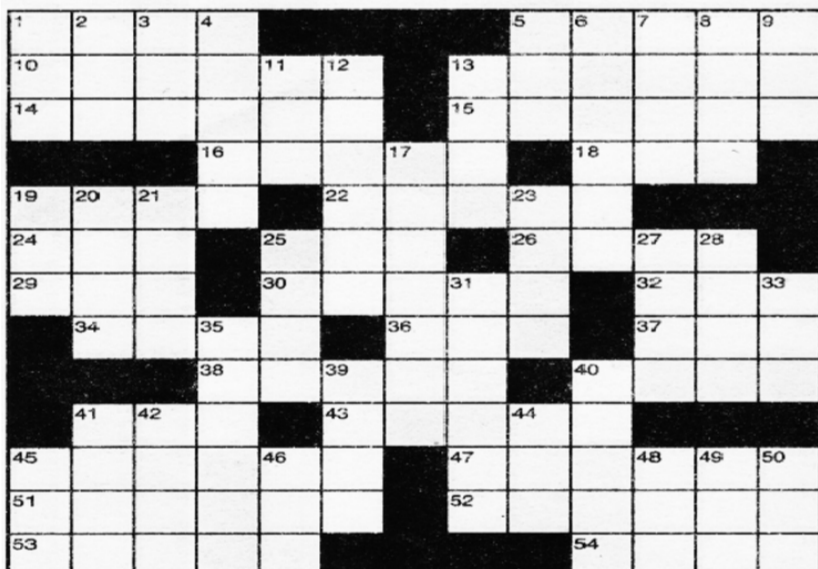
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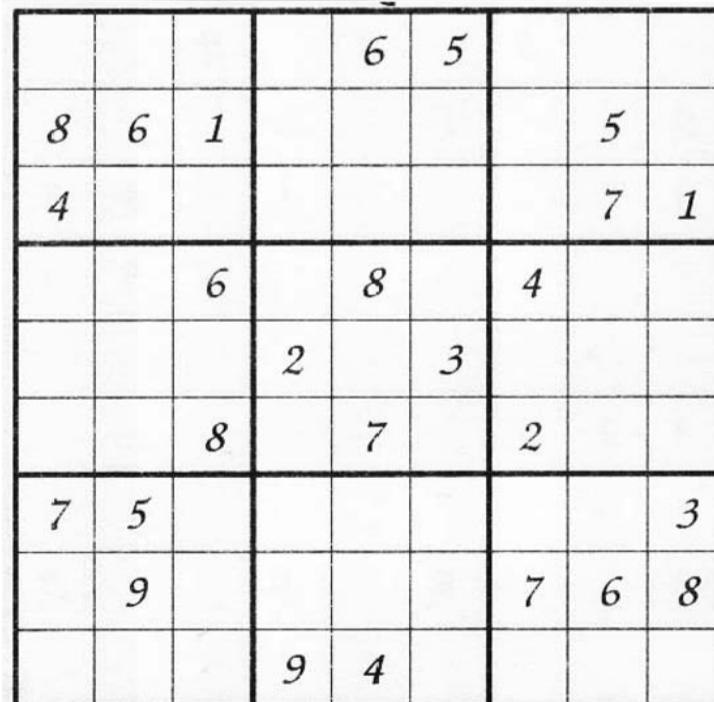
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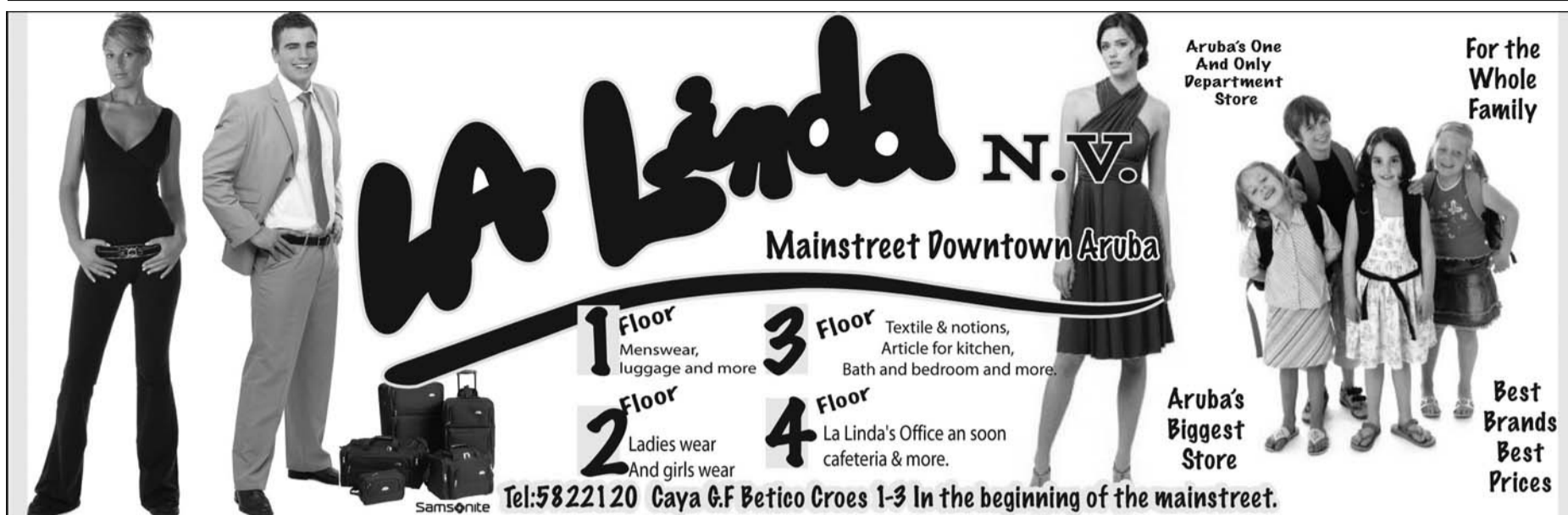
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Finance

Canada goes into trade deficit in April

OTTAWA (UPI) -- Canada ended five months of international trade surpluses in April, posting a \$356 million deficit, Statistics Canada reported from Ottawa yesterday.

Overall exports fell to \$39.1 billion while imports rose to \$39.5 billion, the fifth consecutive monthly increase, the agency said.

The main contributors to the decline in exports were industrial goods, machinery and equipment.

The rise in imports was led by automotive products and consumer goods, StatsCan said.

In its report, the federal

agency breaks down trade with the United States, Canada's largest trading partner, and all other countries.

With regard to U.S. trade, Canadian exports fell 1.2 percent to \$28.4 billion in April, the fourth consecutive monthly decrease. Imports rose 1.3 percent to \$24.6 billion.

"As a result, Canada's trade surplus with the United States decreased from \$4.5 billion in March to \$3.8 billion in April," the report said. "Exports to countries other than the United States decreased 1.2 percent to \$10.7 billion in April, while imports declined 1.9 percent to \$14.9 billion."

Oil slips amid Spain, eurozone worries

NEW YORK (AFP) - Oil prices fell slightly yesterday as traders weighed financial and economic uncertainties in Spain and the eurozone that have markets on edge.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate crude

for delivery in July, slipped 72 cents to close at \$84.10 a barrel.

Brent North Sea crude for July lost 46 cents, settling at \$99.47 a barrel in London trade.

Spain totters towards banking bailout

MADRID (AFP) - Global pressure mounted yesterday for Spain to seek a massive European bailout for its distressed banks as officials said a decisive meeting may come as soon as this weekend.

If Madrid feels it has no option but to ask for help, it would mean the eurozone sovereign debt crisis has defied the authorities' desperate attempts to limit the need for rescues to Greece, Ireland and Portugal.

It would also see the eurozone in uncharted waters after two years of turmoil -- Spain's economy is the fourth-largest in the 17-nation eurozone and more than twice the size of Greece's, Ireland's and Portugal's combined.

Senior finance ministry officials from eurozone nations may hold weekend talks to prepare the nuts and bolts of a Spanish bank bailout should Madrid cry for help, two diplomatic sources told AFP.

"The 'Euro working group' is on stand-by, ready to meet this weekend should there be a request from Spain," said one of the sources, who asked not to be identified.

Media reports earlier said Spain could ask for a bank rescue -- estimated by Fitch Ratings at up to 100 billion euros (\$125 billion) -- as early as today, with the Eurogroup then working on the details in a

conference call.

"No Eurogroup has been scheduled" at this point for the weekend, said another diplomat. There was as yet no request from Spain, "but things can change rapidly," the source said.

US President Barack Obama turned the screw tighter, saying Europe must act swiftly to fix its banking woes or pay the price.

"In the short term they have got to stabilize their financial

system. Part of that is taking clear action as soon as possible to inject capital into weak banks," he told reporters.

"Just as important, leaders can lay out a framework and a vision for a stronger eurozone, including deeper collaboration on budgets and banking policy. Getting there will take some time but showing the political commitment to share the benefits and responsibilities of an integrated Europe will be a strong step."

Obama says US economy 'not doing fine' after criticism

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama admitted yesterday that the US economy is "not doing fine" after he was criticized by opposition Republicans for saying at a press conference that the private sector is "doing fine."

"It is absolutely clear that the economy is not doing fine, that's the reason why I had a press conference," Obama said. "The economy is not doing fine. There are too many people out of work, the housing market is still weak and too many homes are underwater."



SINGAPORE: AFP photo shows a boy playing a soccer game on his Ipad inside a mass rapid transit train in Singapore on June 8, 2012. Singapore on May 17 stuck to its economic growth projections of 1.0-3.0 percent for 2012 but warned there was a chance of a "disorderly sovereign debt default" in the eurozone that could hit exports.

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Home town funeral for Bee Gees star Robin Gibb



THAME: Bee Gee Barry Gibb, (Foreground) brother of Robin Gibb, releases a rose onto his brother's grave during a funeral service at St Mary's Church in Thame, central England, yesterday. A horse-drawn carriage took the coffin of Bee Gee Robin Gibb to a church in his home town of Thame in England for his funeral, through crowds lined up to pay their respects.

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LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Bob Welch, a singer and guitarist with US group Fleetwood Mac from 1971-1974, was found dead at his US home Thursday of an apparent suicide, police and media reports said. He was 65. Welch, who launched a successful solo career after leaving Fleetwood Mac including 1970s hits like "Ebony Eyes" and "Sentimental Lady," shot himself in the chest and left a suicide note, WKRN-TV Nashville reported. He was found dead by his wife, it reported. The Los Angeles-born musician performed on several albums and tours for the group. He was replaced by Lindsey Buckingham and Stevie Nicks, who helped the band become one of the top groups of its era. Welch -- whose death was confirmed by a Nashville Police Department spokeswoman -- formed the British rock group Paris in 1976. Fleetwood Mac's Christine McVie and Buckingham sang backing vocals on "Sentimental Lady." Fleetwood Mac is best known for its 1977 album "Rumours," which has sold more than 30 million copies.

Jackson wanted normal childhood for kids: *daughter*

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Michael Jackson made his children wear masks so they would not be recognized without him, and could have some kind of a normal childhood unlike his own, the late star's daughter Paris said.

In only her second public interview, the 13-year-old said she didn't understand why she and her siblings Prince and Blanket were being forced to cover their faces when they were young.

"I was really confused. I didn't get why I was wearing a mask. But I understand it now -- why my dad would want our faces to be covered," she told talk show host Oprah Winfrey, in an interview to air Sunday.

"When we went out without him we wouldn't be recognized," she added, saying the ploy enabled them to enjoy trips to places like Chuck E. Cheese and Toys R Us without attracting attention, when their father was not with them.

She continued: "He told us that when he was younger he didn't really have a childhood. He would always be stuck in the studio singing while the kids were out playing. He wanted us to have that."

"Our dad was a really normal father when he was with us. We would get grounded if we did something bad," she said.

Paris, who was 11 when

Michael Jackson died on June 25, 2009, is making her acting debut in a live action/animated film called "Lundon's Bridge and the Three Keys," based on a famous book series for teenagers.

Last October she appeared on stage with older brother Prince Michael, now 15, and Blanket, now 10, at a tribute concert for their father in Cardiff, Wales.

Paris famously cried at her father's funeral, but managed to speak through her sobs: "Ever since I was born, daddy has been the best father... you could ever imagine.... And I just wanted to say I love him... so much."



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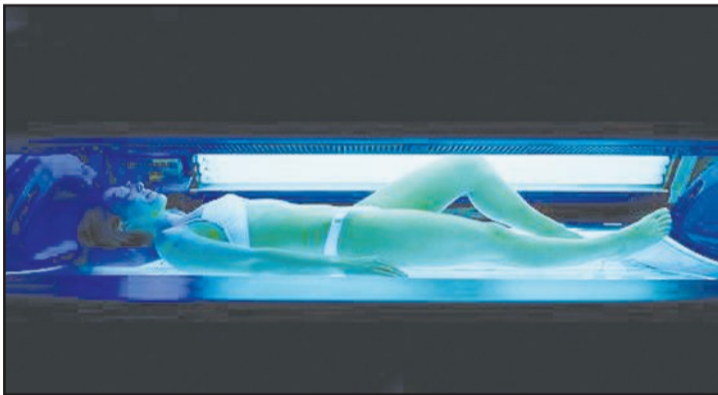
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Sunbed tanning can lead to cancer for fair-skinned: study



PARIS (AFP) - Sunbed tanning may put fair-skinned people at risk of developing skin cancer from exposure to high-intensity UVA rays, scientists warned this week, with one advising against the practice.

The Sun's short-wave UVB rays are well known to cause skin cancer, but the intense UVA radiation from tanning

lamps could also present a risk for light-skinned individuals, a team from the United States, Poland and France reported in the journal Nature Communications.

In tests on shaved lab mice whose results should apply to humans too, UVA interacted with the pigment melanin to cause the most dangerous type

of skin cancer, melanoma, they said.

"We think that this is a second pathway to melanoma," co-author Edward De Fabo, a photobiologist at the George Washington University in Washington, told AFP.

"You have the known UVB pathway (which causes) damage to DNA, and now we are saying that UVA interacting with melanin can cause damage to the DNA and cause melanoma."

Tanning lamps, said De Fabo, emitted up to 12 times the UVA intensity found in natural sunlight -- made up of about 95 percent UVA and five percent UVB.

"The early step in the tanning process is where the real risk lies," he suggested. "That is where the real damage tends to occur, those very early tans that you get when your skin is fair."

Asked whether he urged people to stay away from tanning salons, he said: "I would advise them definitely not to go."

New safety limits will have to be set, but the specifics required further study, he added.

Very dark-skinned people, like those of African origin, very rarely develop melanoma as their skins do not allow the Sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation to penetrate the deeper levels of the epidermis.

The tans cultivated by fair people, in contrast, offered very little screening.

"A lot of people go to those sun-tanning parlours because they think when they get a base tan they are great to go out in the high intensity sunlight. That is just not the case," said De Fabo.



TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras : Catholic youth march against violence in Tegucigalpa, on June 8, 2012. Tegucigalpa and the northern city of San Pedro Sula (the Crime Capital) are two of the world most violent cities.
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UEFA aware of racist incidents, no Dutch complaint



Dutch fans pose in the Euro 2012 fan zone in Kiev on June 8, 2012.

WARSAW (AFP) - European football's governing body UEFA on Friday said that it was now aware of racist incidents at the Netherlands' public training session this week but it had not yet received an official complaint from the Dutch.

"UEFA has now been made aware that there were some isolated incidents of racist chanting that occurred at the open training sessions of the Dutch team (on Wednesday) in Krakow," it said in a statement.

"UEFA has not yet received any formal complaint from the KNVB (Dutch football federation)."

Dutch skipper Mark van Bommel was quoted as saying

in an interview published in De Telegraaf on Friday that the Oranje heard racist chanting from some of the estimated 25,000 fans who turned up to watch them train at the stadium in southern Poland.

"We all heard the monkey chants," he told the newspaper. "We can't accept that. We reacted well and the situation was sorted."

"If any of us is targeted by monkey chants during our matches we won't accept it. If we hear anything like that during a game, I'll immediately go to the referee to ask him to intervene."

Van Bommel, who has left AC Milan for PSV Eindhoven, was also seething at the UEFA representatives who were at the

training session and claimed they had heard nothing.

"Open your ears. If you hear the chants but you don't wish to say you heard them, that is even worse," he said.

De Telegraaf previously reported that a handful of spectators had made monkey noises at the side's black players during the warm-up, forcing the squad to train away from fans.

A senior UEFA official had told AFP that some Polish supporters were unhappy at Krakow not being made one of the four Polish host cities for the tournament and made themselves heard.

UEFA's statement on Friday stops short of launching any investigation into the incident, which was reportedly short-lived, but it threatened to take action if there were any repeat.

"Should such behaviour happen at further training sessions, UEFA would evaluate the operational measures to be taken to protect the players," its statement said, without elaborating.

"UEFA has a zero tolerance policy when it comes to discriminatory behaviour and has given the power to referees to stop matches in case of any repeated racist behaviour."

Minister will be at Dutch Euro 2012 opener: Rutte



The Dutch football squad for Euro 2012

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte said Friday the country's sports minister will represent his cabinet at the Netherlands' Euro 2012 opening match against Denmark in Kharkiv today.

"Minister (Edith) Schippers and her Danish colleague will be at the first match," Rutte told journalists at his weekly press conference, adding "I would like to be present at the finals."

Anger is running high across Europe over the treatment of jailed Ukrainian opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko, the former prime minister, and governments have been putting mounting pressure on Ukraine, which is co-hosting the 2012 European Championships with Poland.

Rutte said a decision was taken to send a representative as Tymoshenko's "situation

changed as a result of international pressure."

The Netherlands have been drawn in Group B -- being contested in Ukraine -- along with Denmark, Portugal and Germany.

Tymoshenko was jailed for seven years in October on charges of abuse of power while in office, after a trial that was bitterly criticised by the West as appearing politically motivated.

One of the leaders of the "Orange Revolution" in 2004-05, Tymoshenko narrowly lost to President Viktor Yanukovich in presidential elections last year. The presidency denied any involvement in her trial.

Asked about the squad's chances of getting to the finals, Rutte added: "I sincerely hope we make the finals. If we could do it at the World Cup (in 2010) we can do it at the Euro Cup as well."

Euro 2012 guide: Who's who at the European Championships			
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Tennis: Djokovic, Nadal set-up historic French Open final

PARIS (AFP) - Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal set-up a history-making French Open final on Friday courtesy of devastating straight-sets, semi-final wins which confirmed their mastery of the men's game.

World number one Djokovic crushed third seed Roger Federer 6-4, 7-5, 6-3 to reach a first Roland Garros final while six-time champion Nadal, the world number two, breezed past Spanish compatriot David Ferrer 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.



On Sunday, history will be made as a win for Djokovic will make him only the third man to hold all four Grand Slam trophies at the same time.

A win for Nadal, whose record in Paris now stands at 51 wins against just one defeat, will mean he'd be the first man to win the French Open seven times, breaking a tie with Swedish legend Bjorn Borg.

"I am happy to be in the final here, it's always difficult to play against Roger," said Djokovic, who had his 43-match winning streak ended by Federer at the same stage of Roland Garros 12 months ago.

"It's a dream to be in the final, but Rafa, who always plays so well here, will be the favourite."

Both Djokovic and Federer had looked far from convincing in reaching this stage.

Djokovic came back from two sets to love down to beat Andreas Seppi in the fourth round before saving four match

points against Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in a five-set quarter-final.

Federer had also been two sets to love down to Juan Martin del Potro in his five-set, last eight match before battling back.

The Swiss world number three ended Friday's match with an uncharacteristic 46 unforced errors, caused to some extent by the swirling wind inside the Philippe Chatrier court.

He was also left to regret twice squandering early breaks in the first two sets.

Defeat also ended Federer's hopes of making a 24th Grand Slam final while extending his long wait to add to his record 16 majors, the last of which came at the 2010 Australian Open.

Nadal said his demolition of Ferrer was one of the most complete matches he has played for some time.

The win sees Nadal into his seventh final in eight years and once again he has done so without dropping a set. In fact he has only once had his serve broken, in the second set of his first round tie against Simone Bolelli

Pacquiao bout 'all or nothing' for Bradley

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - World champion Manny Pacquiao says he's rejuvenated in body as well as spirit, but challenger Timothy Bradley says the Filipino ring icon is primed for a fall when they meet today.

"He's worn out, tired, I can see it in his eyes, the wrinkles," says Bradley, a 5-1 underdog despite his unbeaten record of 28-0 with 12 knockouts.

While Pacquiao is the favorite, he has, indeed, been doubted by pundits who point to his unconvincing majority decision over Juan Manuel Marquez in November, along with such signs of weakness as debilitating leg cramps in his more recent fights.

Pacquiao -- who has won titles in eight weight classes and boasts a record of 54-3 with two drawn and 38 knockouts -- has since said his preparations for his last Marquez fight were hampered by marital strife, a thing of the past now that he has re-dedicated himself to God and spends his time in Bible study rather than gambling, drinking and womanizing.

While promoter Bob Arum has characterized Pacquiao's life as "careening off the rails" prior to his spiritual re-awakening, Roach seemed to think things weren't that bad.

"He just got caught up in the limelight a little bit," Roach said. "He took a step back and looked at his life and didn't like it -- and he

changed."

Roach said the change has carried over into the gym, but Bradley sounded a skeptical note this week.

"He's here, he's there, he's fornicating and now he's got his religion in place," Bradley said.

Whatever the truth of Pacquiao's spiritual quest and its impact on his physical abilities, Bradley's trainer Joel Diaz said today's fight will come down to ring skills, pure and simple.

Diaz said that's what will give his fighter a chance in what Bradley has acknowledged is the biggest bout of his life.

"Manny is a one-dimensional fighter," Diaz claimed. "He unloads a lot of punches, but he's reckless."

"He doesn't focus on his defence. You can counter-punch him all night long. And Timothy's a brawler who can move his feet and be smart enough to make any changes he needs to in there."

Roach, not surprisingly, begs to differ.

He says Bradley isn't a slick counterpuncher, and won't be able to match Pacquiao's quickness.

"He's the same fighter he was as an amateur, he makes the same mistakes," "We're going to take advantage of them." Freddy Roach, who will be inducted into boxing's Hall of Fame on Sunday said of Bradley

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Euro 2012 starts but under racism cloud



Greek forward Dimitris Salpingidis (L) scores past Polish goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny.

WARSAW (AFP) - Russia thrashed the Czech Republic 4-1 while co-hosts Poland drew 1-1 with Greece, as the first European championship in eastern Europe got under way Friday after a rocky build-up hit by racism concerns.

Russia's tournament got off to a flier in Wroclaw, western Poland, as Alan Dzagoev put them in front on 15 minutes, blasting in from the edge of the box after Aleksandr Kerzhakov saw a close-range header rebound off the post.

A neat finish from Roman Shirokov nine minutes later doubled the lead, despite the

Czechs looking the livelier in the opening exchanges.

The Czechs pulled one back seven minutes after the restart when Vaclav Pilar beat the off-side trap, sidestepped the goalkeeper and slid the ball home following a through ball from Jaroslav Plasil.

But Dzagoev made it 3-1 in netting a fine right-footed strike after being played in by substitute and former Tottenham star Roman Pavlyuchenko, who promptly smacked in a magnificent fourth for the 2008 semi-finalists with eight minutes remaining.

Euro 2012 co-hosts Poland earlier got their campaign off to a dream start, when Borussia Dortmund striker Robert Lewandowski headed them in front in the 17th minute before a partisan 50,000 capacity crowd in the capital Warsaw.

Franciszek Smuda's men were given an advantage of an extra player, as Greece defender Sokratis Papatathopoulos was sent off for a second bookable offence shortly before half-time.

But the Poles could not make it count and Dimitris Salpingidis levelled just after the break.

Poland then saw their goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny sent off for bringing down Salpingidis in the box but this time Greece failed to seize the opportunity, as substitute Przemyslaw Tyton kept out Giorgos Karagounis' spot kick.

The scoreline dampened the mood for the 50,000 home fans and the tens of thousands more outside, with Warsaw a sea of Polish red and white for the arrival of the showpiece event behind the former Iron Curtain for the first time.

Holders and world champi-



Czech goalkeeper Petr Cech misses to stop the fourth Russian goal

ons Spain are favourites to retain the title in the Ukrainian capital Kiev on July 1, although perennial challengers Germany are out to avenge their final defeat from four years ago.

Russia's emphatic win put them top of Group A, with Dick Advocaat's men taking on the hosts in Warsaw and the Czechs playing Greece in Wroclaw, both on Tuesday.

The final countdown to the start of Euro 2012, though, was overshadowed by claims that fans racially abused the Netherlands team with monkey chants during a training session on Wednesday.

Dutch skipper Mark van Bommel said in an interview

published in De Telegraaf newspaper that the Oranje were forced to train away from the 25,000 fans who had turned up to watch in Krakow, southern Poland.

Van Bommel's comments come despite a senior UEFA official previously denying there had been any racist chants and an angry response to a BBC programme last month which claimed far-right gangs were rife in Polish and Ukrainian football.

Poland, Ukraine and UEFA president Michel Platini have all tried to play down fears of racist incidents, which prompted the families of two black England players to say they would not be travelling to watch the tournament.